Increase in intrusion of Militants on Pakistan border

†630. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the intrusion of Militants is increasing continuously on the Pakistan border despite the deployment of forces in the area;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Pakistani forces have destroyed a number of bunkers of India during last few days; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Bunkers of both sides do get damaged or destroyed in the firing. As per reports available, during the period of 1.1.2002 to 20.2.2002, the number of Pakistan Bunkers destroyed and damaged are 28 and 11 respectively. During the same period, 12 Indian bunkers were destroyed and 9 were damaged.

Frequent incurrence of espionage by Pak remote pilotless planes

631. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO:

SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether espionage by Pakistani remote pilotless planes have increased on Indo-Pak border in the recent past;

(b) if so, the details thereof for the last three months; and

(c) what concrete steps Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) A total of eight (8) Pakistani Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs)

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

were observed in Indian air space during the past three months (till 17.2.2002). The details are given in the Statement (*See* below).

(c) Appropriate air defence measures have been initiated to tackle the menace of Pakistani UAVs intruding into the Indian air space. Specific orders have been issued to Air Force & Army to shoot down these UAVs.

Statement

Details of the UAVs observed in Indian Air Space during the past three months (till 17.2.2002)

	Month	No. of incidents	Day/Night	Sector
(a)	November 2001	1	Day	Chhamb, J&K
(b)	December, 2001	3	Day	Noshera & Chhamb, J&K
(c)	January 2002	4	Day	Mendhar & Jammu, J&K
(d)	February 2002 (till 17th Feb, 2002)	Nil	N/A	N/A

Acquisition of Weapon Locating Radar

632. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made so far on the efforts made to acquire Weapon Locating Radar for our Defence forces;

(b) whether Government are considering a proposal to issue fresh RFPs to manufacturers of WLR and reasons for scrapping the previous proposals to acquire the same; and

(c) the steps taken to procure them at the earliest in order to meet the present critical situation on the borders?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) Efforts are being made to develop WLR indigenously and to import some quantity to meet immediate critical needs. Fresh RFPs have been issued as previous proposals were cancelled because of US sanctions and certain complaints.

(c) On a proposal by India, the U.S. has also now agreed to sell this weapon locating radar on government to government basis to India.